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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

U.S. Application No. : to be assigned  
Application of : Oppedahl  
Filing Date : herewith  
For : Improved authentication system for mail pieces  
Attorney Docket No. : ASCOP065USFU

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the application filed herewith, please make the following amendment:

In the specification:

At the first line, insert "This application claims priority from US Provisional Application Serial No. 60/170,506, filed December 13, 1999."

Respectfully submitted,



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